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INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EGYPT AND SUDANESE COUP D'ETAT

1. AS OF THIS MORNING, MFA SEEMS TO HAVE LITTLE HARD INFO RE ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST NIMEIRI. FAHMY WENT TO ALEXANDRIA THIS MORNING TO MEET WITH SADAT AND OTHER ADVISERS TO REVIEW SITUATION. AS DEPT AWARE, GOE HAS COMMITMENT TO SEND UP TO TWO BATTALIONS OF RANGER-TYPE TROOPS TO ASSIST NIMEIRI IF CALLED UPON. BOTH SADAT AND FAHMY HAVE EARLIER TOLD US THAT, DESPITE RELUCTANCE DEPLOY EGYPTIAN TROOPS ABROAD AGAIN, GOE WILL DO SO IF NIMEIRI THREATENED. RATIONALE IS THAT GOE CANNOT AFFORD A COMMUNIST DOMINATED GOVT ON ITS SOUTHERN BORDERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THUS FAR NIMEIR HAS NOT ASKED FOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION AND ESTIMATES THAT GOVT FORCERS CAN HANDLE SITUATION. HOWEVER, GOE HAS CALLED BACK SUDANESE BRIGADE CURRENTLY STATIONED IN EGYPT. WE ALSO INFORMED SOME EGYPTIAN MILITARY UNITS ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE RAPID DEPLOYMENT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN EXCHANGING INFO WITH EGYPTIANS ON SUDANESE COUP. MFA INFORMATION SPARSE SINCE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN KHARTOUM AND CAIRO WERE APPARENTLY CUT FOR MOST OF YESTERDAY. SOME INFORMATION IS BEGINNING TO COME

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IN NOW. ONE OF FAHMY'S PRINCIPAL AIDES SPECULATED COUP

INCITED BY LIBYANS, BUT PROFESSED HAVE NO HARD INFO RE
IDENTITY OF PERSONS INVOLVED.

3. FAHMY HAS SENT WORD ASKING THAT WE SHARE WITH EGYPTIANS
ANY INFORMATION WE MAY GET ON SUDANESE SITUATION.
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